

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-17 are pending in the present application. Claims 4, 10 and 18 are canceled herein and claims 1 and 7 are amended herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4 and 10. In response, the limitations of claim 4 have been added to claim 1 and the limitations of claim 10 have been added to claim 7. As a result, all pending claims recite patentable subject matter.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Ira S. Matsil, Applicant's attorney, at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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